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From: Roland Juge [juge.roland@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, March 21, 2011 6:51 PM
To: Tucker, Rep. (District Office)
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Dear Speaker Tucker,

I am writing to ask the Legislature not to break Terrytown into two districts. This is why:

In 1965 we moved here from New Orleans where we were born. At that time Terrytown was becoming the richest community in Louisiana. Not because we were wealthy but there were so many of us, young couples with two or three children. We were trying to make a better life for our families. Most Families had a good income. At that time many mothers stayed home and they did volunteer work in schools, etc.

Good people like Bob Evans, Judy Mills, Hank and Judy Berchack and many others worked to get a Library, Tennis Courts, a Gymnasium and many amenities here. We worked to build up good schools, and a community Spirit second to none.

It would be gross discrimination, in my opinion to split this community into two districts. One older, less affluent, racially and ethnically more mixed as opposed to a more affluent area of Terrytown with more expensive homes and presumably larger incomes.

We have a Fire Department of Volunteers which has served the whole community exceptionally well.

The schools here , private, Catholic and Public and Church schools have prepared several generations of good upstanding citizens.

My own sons, one a Federal Judge, another, a Senior Trial Attorney, Federal, a son who has a PhD in Linguistics who does research in Europe and teaches in Texas and our youngest who teaches English in Europe. They have done well with their education in Terrytown and beyond.

Is the Legislature willing to break up our community which we the elders have build from scratch?

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Oakwood Shopping Center opened when we moved here. There were no groceries. But the children had sports at the Gym and my daughter took dance and many other classes there. The boys had tennis and football.

I personally do not believe that the older part of Terrytown should be made into a ghetto. We have worked very hard to make Terrytown a very fine place in which to live, raise our children and to retire here.

After Hurricane Katrina, our population has changed but the Spirit has remained almost untouched.

Please do not make rivals out of neighbors.

Thanking you and others for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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